UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DANIEL KLEEBERG, LISA STEIN and AUDREY HAYS,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

DECLARATION OF DONALD W. O'BRIEN, JR., ESQ.

LESTER EBER; ALEXBAY, LLC f/k/a LESTER EBER, LLC; CANANDAIGUA NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY; ESTATE OF ELLIOTT W. GUMAER, JR.; EBER BROS. & CO., INC.; EBER BROS. WINE AND LIQUOR CORP.; EBER BROS. WINE & LIQUOR METRO, INC.; EBER-CONNECTICUT, LLC; and WENDY EBER,

Defendants.

Civ. Action No.: 1:16-cv-09517-LAK

DONALD W. O'BRIEN, JR., ESQ., under penalty of perjury, declares and states as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney and member of the firm of Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP, counsel for the proposed intervenor, Canandaigua National Corporation d/b/a Canandaigua National Bank & Trust ("CNB" or "the Bank").
- 2. CNB was an original defendant in this action. By stipulation filed on August 7, 2018, the action as against CNB was dismissed with prejudice [Docket No. 117]. For the following reasons, CNB is constrained to now seek intervention to protect its interests.
- 3. I make this declaration in support of CNB's motion to intervene for the purpose of formally placing before the Court for resolution in this action the conflict between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants as to any residual interest CNB may retain, or

any residual authority CNB may possess, as to the testamentary trust created upon the death of Allen Eber, the father of defendant Lester Eber, and the grandfather of the Plaintiff and Defendant, Wendy Eber ("the Trust"). In particular, CNB seeks to intervene so that the Court can resolve the dispute as to the distribution of the shares of stock in Eber Bros. & Co., Inc.; CNB will then abide by the determination of this Court insofar as CNB retains any residual power or authority over the distribution of stock and/or the delivery of stock powers.

BACKGROUND

- 4. Proposed Intervenor, CNB, was a Co-Trustee of the Trust starting in 2007.
- 5. On June 1, 2017, the Monroe County Surrogate's Court entered an Order for Judicial Settlement of Final Account of Successor Co-Trustee, Resignation and Discharge of Co-Trustee and Termination of Trust (a copy of this Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit "1"**).
- 6. The Surrogate's Court Order, *inter alia*, discharged CNB as Co-Trustee, directed the distribution of the Trust assets and terminated the Trust. Defendant, Lester Eber, as one of three Co-Trustees of the Trust, was a party to the proceeding before the Monroe County Surrogate. The record reflects that he was represented in the proceeding by James Vazzana, Esq., a well-known estates and trust attorney practicing in Rochester, New York.
- 7. As part of CNB's efforts to distribute the assets of the Trust and on August 1, 2017, my partner, Lorisa D. LaRocca, Esq., sent a letter to Mr. Vazzana providing him with a distribution sheet with a proposed distribution of securities,

including the stock in Eber Bros. & Co., Inc. ("Eber Bros." or "the Company") Class A, Class B and 6% non-cumulative securities (copies of Ms. LaRocca's August 1, 2017 letter and enclosures are attached hereto as **Exhibit "2"**). Ms. LaRocca was responding to correspondence from Mr. Vazzana in which he questioned the original distribution due to the fact that distributions had been made previously to one of Allen Eber's heirs and those distributions required adjustments to the final distribution schedule.

- 8. Upon becoming a Co-Trustee of the Trust, CNB advised Lester Eber that the Company's securities were considered "off guidance list securities" and did not meet CNB's criteria for continued retention. As a result, CNB pointed out to Mr. Eber that, while it would hold the stock, it was not responsible for monitoring the future performance of the securities (a copy of this acknowledgement is attached hereto as **Exhibit "3"**).
- 9. Because CNB assumed no responsibility for the performance of the closely held securities, during the time it served as a Co-Trustee, CNB was never furnished with the corporate record book for Eber Bros. the stock register or a copy of the corporate bylaws.

LESTER EBER'S ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE THE EBER BROS. STOCK

10. On October 31, 2018, I received an e-mail from Paul F. Keneally, Esq., counsel for the Eber Defendants in the instant action. Attached to Mr. Keneally's e-mail was a purported "Notice of Intent to Purchase Shares" signed by Lester Eber, intending to give CNB notice of his intent to purchase all of the shares of Eber Bros.' capital stock

still purportedly held by the Trust (copies of Mr. Keneally's e-mail and the Notice of Intent to Purchase Shares are attached hereto as **Exhibit "4"**).

- 11. Later that same day, Brian C. Brook, Esq., counsel for the Plaintiffs, responded to Mr. Keneally's purported notice. In his e-mail, Mr. Brook asserted that the Notice of Intent to Purchase Shares was "defective" in that it failed to identify the legal basis for the right to purchase. Mr. Brook also noted that the shares "have already been transferred and such transfer ordered by the Surrogate's Court" and, as a result, claim that the Secretary of Eber Bros., Inc. had a duty to transfer the securities as directed in the distribution and that the failure to do so constituted an additional breach of fiduciary duty. Mr. Brook concluded his e-mail by stating: "I direct CNB to disregard Lester's notice" (a copy of Mr. Brooks' October 31, 2018 e-mail is attached hereto as **Exhibit "5"**).
- 12. On December 17, 2018, I received an e-mail from John Herbert, Esq. who advised me that he was "co-counsel to Lester Eber along with Paul Keneally." Mr. Herbert's e-mail attached a second purported Notice of Intent to Purchase Shares of Eber Bros. which, in addition to the information contained in the October 31, 2018 Notice, contained a purchase price of zero dollars, (copies of Mr. Herbert's December 17, 2018 e-mail and the attached Notice of Intent to Purchase shares are attached hereto as **Exhibit** "6").

¹ Your declarant was furnished with a copy of the bylaws on October 31, 2018. According to Article XII(1), the notice of intent to purchase must state "the terms of the proposed transfer." (a copy of the bylaws of Eber Bros is attached as Exhibit "A" to Docket No. 143 at pages 6 through 17). The October 31, 2018, notice did not set forth any terms of the proposed transfer, for example, the proposed purchase price.

- 13. It is my understanding that there is a motion pending before the Court for the Plaintiffs to amend their Complaint. I have reviewed the proposed Third Amended Complaint [Docket No. 174-1] filed on behalf of the Plaintiffs. In their "updated proposed" Third Amended Complaint, the Plaintiffs have devoted considerable attention to Lester Eber's efforts to purchase all of the shares of Eber Bros. In particular, ¶¶ 306-331 under a subsection entitled "Enjoin Lester's Threat and Taking of Shares," the Plaintiffs challenge Defendant, Lester Eber's ability to purchase these shares or, in the alternative, the propriety of him doing so.
- 14. On or about October 11, 2017, my partner, Lorisa LaRocca, Esq., sent to Lester Eber's counsel, James G. Vazzana, Esq. and Plaintiffs' counsel, Brian C. Brook, Esq., their clients' respective copies of stock powers transferring their shares of Eber Bros. pursuant to CNB's previously furnished distribution schedule.² As Ms. LaRocca notes: "[a]s the Bank never had possession of the company stock book or other corporate documents and, despite requests, the Bank was not provided with the same, we were required to complete these transfers via these Stock Powers as opposed to issuing new stock certificates." Ms. LaRocca then asked for further guidance with respect to the original stock powers (a copy of Ms. LaRocca's October 11, 2017 letter with enclosures is attached hereto as Exhibit "7"). Until Mr. Keneally's e-mail more than one year later, CNB received no guidance whatsoever from the Company's corporate secretary or anyone else purporting to act on behalf of Eber Bros.

² While CNB recognizes that Mr. Eber now questions whether this communication provided him with *legal* notice of the manner in which the stock powers for the Eber Bros. stock would be distributed, we believe that he received *actual* notice of the proposed distribution of the stock. It should be noted that Mr. Eber was also a Co-Trustee of the Trust and joined in the application to terminate the Trust and distribute its assets.

RELIEF SOUGHT

- 15. Because there is a dispute between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants as to Mr. Eber's right to purchase the Plaintiffs' stock in Eber Bros. and the outcome of this dispute will affect the interests of CNB, intervention is necessary. Since Mr. Eber has requested that CNB deliver the stock to him and Plaintiff's counsel objects, CNB acts at its own peril in endorsing either position.
- 16. Your declarant, therefore, on behalf of the proposed intervenor, requests that this Court allow CNB to intervene for the purpose of formalizing the joinder of the issue as to the disposition of the Eber Bros. stock and pursuing its resolution by this Court in the context of the pending action where the issue has already been raised.³ We would ask that, at a minimum, the Court (1) direct the parties to (A) refrain from commencing any independent actions against CNB to address Mr. Eber's efforts to purchase the stock in Eber Bros.; (B) require the parties to litigate any issues relating to the disposition of the stock in this action; (2) adjudicate those issues in this action; and (3) provide CNB with guidance as to what steps, if any, CNB needs to take to implement the final determination of the Court in that regard.
- 17. I have sought the consent of counsel for the parties to the relief sought with this motion. Insofar as the motion to intervene and the request that the disposition of the stock be adjudicated in this action are concerned, they have all given their consent to the application, even though they are not taking a position with respect to any of the specific

³ If the Court were to grant the Plaintiffs' pending motion to amend, the issue in this regard would be joined as soon as the Defendants responded to the Plaintiffs' allegations with respect to the disposition of the stock in question. In that event, no separate interpleader claim should be necessary.

representations contained in this Declaration or otherwise waiving any claims or arguments their respective clients might have.

Donald W. O'Brien, Jr., Esq.

DATED: February 5, 201 Rochester, New York

EXHIBIT 1

At a Surrogate's Court of the State of New York held in and for the County of Monroe at Rochester, New York, on May 18, 2017.

PRESENT: HON. JOHN M. OWENS, Surrogate

FINAL ACCOUNTING OF THE CANANDAIGUA NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEE OF RESIDUARY TRUST UNDER WILL OF ALLEN EBER DATED OCTOBER 27, 1969

ORDER FOR JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT OF SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEE, RESIGNATION AND DISCHARGE OF CO-TRUSTEE AND TERMINATION OF TRUST

File No. 1970,1952 /D

UPON reading and filing the duly verified Petition for Judicial Settlement of Final Account of Successor Co-Trustee, Resignation and Discharge of Co-Trustee and Termination of Trust, verified by Petitioner, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, on February 15, 2017; and

UPON all proofs of service having been duly filed with the Court; and

THERE having been no Objections filed with the Court by any of the appearing parties; and

UPON, the appearance of Canandaigua National Bank through its counsel, Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP, Lorisa D. LaRocca, Esq. and William G. Bauer, Esq., and the appearance of Lester Eber, through his counsel, Wiedman, Vazzana, Corcoran and Volta, P.C., James G. Vazzana, Esq. at an adjourned return date of this Court on May 18, 2017; and

UPON, the appearance of Calihan Law PLLC, Robert B. Calihan, Esq., on behalf of Elliott W. Gumaer, Jr., having been waived by the Court at counsel's request;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Final Account of Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, as Successor Co-Trustee of the Residuary Trust Under Will of Allen Eber dated October 27, 1969 (the "Trust"), is hereby judicially settled and Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company is discharged from any liability in the administration of the

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Trust from its receipt of assets until distribution of the Trust assets, in its capacity as Successor Co-Trustee of the Trust; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Trust be terminated and that the Trust assets be distributed to the beneficiaries in accordance with the terms set forth in the Final Account and allowed as filed (and adjusted), and that the following is a summary thereof as settled:

SUMMARY

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

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Schedule A	Principal received	\$1,409,047.07
Schedule A'A	Subsequent receipts of principal	12,000.44
Schedule A-1	Realized increases in principal	5,842,73
Schedule G	Unrealized increases in principal	163,793,19
	Total Principal Charges	\$1,590,683.43
CREDITS:		
Schedule B	Realized decreases in principal	\$ 768,370.36
Schedule C	Administration expenses	48,535,21
Schedule E	Distributions of principal	88,851,48
Schedule G	Unrealized decreases in principal	10,827.35
	Total Principal Credits	<b>\$ 916,584,40</b>
Principal bal	lance on hand shown by Schedule G	\$ 674,099.03

#### **INCOME ACCOUNT**

#### CHARGES:

Schedule AA-1	Income received	\$ 2,868.90
Schedule A-2	Income collected	203,676.91
Schedule A-3	Realized increases in income	229,15
	Total Income Charges	\$ 206,774.96

**CREDITS:** 

Schedule C-2 Administrative expenses \$ 18,778.18

Schedule E-1 Distributions of income 170,529,29

Total Income Credits <u>\$ 189,307.42</u>

Income remaining on hand as shown in Schedule G-1

COMBINED ACCOUNTS

Principal on hand: Cash \$ 35,523.28

Other assets <u>638,575.75</u>

Total principal on hand \$674,099.03

Total Assets on hand \$691,566.52

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that petitioner pay the remaining cash and transfer, assign and deliver the other remaining assets as shown in the account as follows:

To: Canandaigua National Bank

As and for the commissions in the sum of \$8,114.86

To: Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP

For legal services rendered in the sum of \$ TBD

For costs and disbursements \$ TBD

Balance \$ 683,451.66*

To be distributed as follows:

To: Daniel Kleeberg (1/6 share) \$ 113,908.61*

To: Lisa Stein (1/6 share) \$ 113,908.61*

To: Audrey Hays (1/3 share) \$ 227,817.22*

To: Lester Eber (1/3 share) \$ 227,817.22*

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17,467.49

^{*}Less Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP fees and disbursements – amount to be determined.

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, upon its completion of the distribution of the Trust assets, as set forth in the Final Account and this Order, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company shall be discharged as Successor Co-Trustee of the Trust; and it is further

shall be paid from the Trust to Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP, as attorneys for Petitioner in connection with its services in regard to this proceeding.

Dated: _ June 1, 2417

HON.

SURROGATE 2017
M. OWENS, SURROGATE COUNT

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### EXHIBIT 2

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August 1, 2017

#### Via Email and First Class Mail: jgvazzana@frontiernet.net

James G. Vazzana, Esq. Wiedman, Vazzana, Corcoran & Volta, P.C. 5 S. Fitzhugh Street, Room 230 Rochester, New York 14614

Re: CNB/Eber Proposed Distributions

Dear Jim:

This letter is in follow-up to your prior correspondence directed to Rita Nischal at Canandaigua National Bank dated July 19, 2017. Upon further review of the Bank's records, Ms. Nischal was able to confirm that, although Mr. Hawks previously accounted for equalization of the distributions made to Erica Stein (prior to 2017) "on paper" annually, these adjustments were not actually made to the assets at that time. Accordingly, the Bank has re-calculated the necessary equalizations, consistent with the prior distribution sheets that Mr. Hawks provided to the family each year, and the revised Distribution Schedule and Step-Down Chart are enclosed herewith. Ms. Stein's prior distributions, including those received in 2017, are now all properly reflected. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, please have your client return the executed Receipt and Release to Ms. Nischal.

Very truly yours,

WOODS OVIATT GILMAN LLP

Lavin D. LaRaca

Lorisa D. LaRocca

Please direct responses to Rochester Office

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Cc: Rita Nischal, Esq.

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#### **Residuary TUW Allen Eber Proposed Distribution of Securities**

Assets	Total Sh	ares on	Total Tax	Market Value	Daniel Kleeberg	Lisa Stein	Audrey Hays	Lester Eber
	Hand to be		Cost Basis	as of	68.76% of	31.24% of	38.202%	38.202%
	Distributed			6.20.2017	23.595%	23.595%		_
AT&T	1,000	(sell 1)	24,390.00	38,910.00	162	73	382	382
Chemours Co.	80	(sell 3)	916.94	3,040.00	12	5	30	30
Clorox Co	300	(sell 2)	18,699.00	42,345.00	48	22	114	114
Du Pont De Nemours Ei	400	(sell 3)	17,923.06	33,424.00	64	29	152	152
Co		_						
Eber Bros & Co Class A	1,850		631,238.50	0.00	301 (+1)	137 (+1)	706	706
Eber Bros & Co Class B	290		462,973.99	0.00	47	21	111 (+1)	111 (+1)
Eber Bros & Co 6% Non-	2,000		200,000.00	0.00	324	147	764	765 (+1)
Cumulative								
Exxon-Mobile Corp	2,190	(sell 2)	4,903.55	181,244.40	355	161	836	836
*Lilly Eli & Co	500	(sell 1)	17,110.00	41,170.00	81	36	191	191
Lockheed Martin Corp	300	(sell 2)	20,751.00	84,690.00	48	22	114	114
Com								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Microsoft Corporation	800	(sell 2)	20,320.00	56,696.00	129	58	305	305
Pfizer Inc.	886	(sell 2)	15,518.29	29,432.92	143	65	338	338
Dodge & Cox Income	3,591.9540		50,000.00	49,748.56	582.7558	264.7657	1,372.1982	1,372.1982
Fund	(sell 0.0361 units)				i			
Franklin Templeton	3,598.2690		48,792.52	44,258.71	583.7804	265.2312	1,374.6107	1,374.6107
Global Bond Inst.	(sell 0.0360 units)					<u> </u>		
Vanguard Int. Term Bd	4,122.0120		50,000.00	47,361.92	668.7520	303.8367	1,574.6910	1,574.6910
Index Admiral	(Sell 0.0413 units)				·			

^{*} Please note, proceeds from the sale of the shares will be divided accordingly and will impact cash distributions.

#### **EBER TRUST** 1108114

#### **Distribution Step-Down** 6/20/2017 less Eber Stock

\$677,754.19

\$12,000 Distribtuion 2012 (E. Stein)

\$12,000 Distribtuion 2013 (E. Stein)

\$12,000 Distribtuion 2014 (E. Stein)

\$12,000 Distribtuion 2015 (E. Stein)

\$12,000 Distribtuion 2016 (E. Stein)

\$6,000 Distribution 2017 - Jan-June (E. Stein)

\$225,918.06 -66,000.00

L. Eber \$258,918.06

(38.202)

\$3,566.28

Kleeberg Family

\$159,918.06 (23.595)

**Income Allocation** \$9,335.32

\$2,202.76

A, Nan Boslos Hays

\$258,918.06 (38.202)

\$3,566.28

Lisa Stein \$688.14 Daniel Kleeberg \$1,514.62

<u>Lisa Stein</u> \$49,959.03 (31.240)

**Daniel Kleeberg** 

\$109,959.03 -68.76

# EXHIBIT 3





March 26, 2012

Residuary TUW Allen Eber c/o Lester Eber 95 Allens Creek Rd. Bldg 2, Suites 10 & 11 Rochester, NY 14618-3250

Re:

Account Number 1108114

Dear Mr. Eber:

There is presently being held in your portfolio the following common stocks:

1,850 Eber Bros & Co Class A 290 Eber Bros & Co Class B 2,000 Eber Bros & Co 6% Non-Cumulative

These stocks are considered off-guidance list securities, and do not meet our criteria for continued retention in your portfolio. We are not following these securities or providing investment advice on these securities. It is important for you to understand that Canandaigua National Bank and Trust is not responsible for monitoring the future performance of these securities.

If you desire to continue to retain these holdings, we must have your written direction to do so. Please check the appropriate space below, sign, date, and return the signed copy of this letter in the envelope provided.

If you would like to discuss our recommendations for the replacement of these securities, or if a further discussion would be helpful to you, please telephone me at (585) 394-4260, ext. 36040.

S<del>incerely</del>

Richard H. Hawks, Jr.

Senior Vice President & Senior Fiduciary Officer

#### Authorization:

Until you receive further written instructions from me, you are authorized and directed to retain in ______ my account, without liability, all of the above securities currently held, including stock received in the future as a result of stock splits or purchases directed by me.

I do not wish to retain any of the above securities in the above account. Please sell all stock currently held.

Agua a King AUP 3/27/2013

# EXHIBIT 4

#### O'Brien, Dan

From: Keneally, Paul F. < PKeneally@underbergkessler.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 10:29 AM

To: LaRocca, Lorisa D.; O'Brien, Dan

Cc: Ramsey, Colin D.; Brian C. Brook; daryoush@clintonbrook.com; john herbert Esq

Subject: Notice

**Attachments:** 10302018171620-0001.pdf

Counsel: FYI

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To: Allen Eber Trust
c/o Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company
72 South Main St.
Canandaigua, NY 14424
Attn: Rita Nischal, Esq.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE SHARES

The undersigned hereby gives notice of my intent to purchase all shares of capital stock of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc. (the "Company") of which the Allen Eber Trust is the registered holder that are proposed to be transferred to Daniel Kleeberg, Lisa Stein or Audrey Hays pursuant to Article XII of the By-Laws of the Company.

Lester Eber

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# EXHIBIT 5

#### O'Brien, Dan

Brian C. Brook < Brian@clintonbrook.com> From:

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:49 AM Sent:

LaRocca, Lorisa D.; O'Brien, Dan; Keneally, Paul F. To:

Cc: Ramsey, Colin D.; Daryoush Behbood; john herbert Esq

**Subject:** Re: Notice

#### Paul,

This notice is defective in that it fails to identify the legal basis for any right to purchase. We have reviewed the by-laws and see no such right.

Moreover, the shares have already been transferred and such transfer ordered by the Surrogate's Court over a year ago. Lester received notice of it and did not object to that at the time and therefore waived his right to try to seek any alternative distribution or to otherwise prevent my clients from receiving their shares. Wendy, as Secretary, indisputably had a duty to effectuate the transfers as specified by the Surrogate's Court and CNB, and her and your continued resistance constitutes contempt of court, in addition to a continuing breach of fiduciary duty.

Dan, on behalf of the legitimate majority shareholders of Eber Bros & Co., Inc., a company which lacks any validily constituted Board of Directors, I direct CNB to disregard Lester's notice.

Brian C. Brook Clinton Brook & Peed New York | New Jersey | Washington DC (212) 256-1957 brian@clintonbrook.com

From: Keneally, Paul F.

Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 7:29 AM

Subject: Notice

To: LaRocca Lorisa D., Dan O'Brien

Cc: Ramsey, Colin D., Brian C. Brook, Daryoush Behbood, john herbert Esq

Counsel: FYI

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# EXHIBIT 6

#### O'Brien, Dan

From:

John Herbert <a href="mailto:herbertoffice24@gmail.com">herbert <a href="mailto:herbertoffice24@gmail.com">herbert <a href="mailto:herbertoffice24@gmail.com">herbert <a href="mailto:herbertoffice24@gmail.com">herbertoffice24@gmail.com</a>>

Sent:

Monday, December 17, 2018 3:51 PM

To:

rnischal@cnbank.com

Cc:

Keneally, Paul F.; Colin Ramsey; O'Brien, Dan; Brian C. Brook

Subject:

**Attachments:** 

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Rita

I am co-counsel to Lester Eber along with Paul Keneally.

Please see the attached notice from Lester Eber with respect to shares of capital stock of Eber & Co., Inc.

John S. Herbert, Esq. **Herbert Office** 917-385-9436 herbertoffice24@gmail.com facebook: Herbert Office

To: Allen Eber Trust

c/o Canandaigua National Bank & Trust Company

72 South Main St.

Canandaigua, NY 14424

Attn: Rita Nischal, Esq.

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In connection with the Notice of Intent to Purchase Shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc. given by Lester Eber to the Allen Eber Trust on October 30, 2018, attached hereto, the undersigned notifies you that the purchase price, the book value of the shares as it appears in the books of the corporation as of May 31, 2018, is \$0.

Please deliver physical possession of the stock certificate for these shares, which I understand is currently in your possession, with your endorsement thereof, to me promptly, at the following address:

Lester Eber 15 Coral Way

Rochester, NY 14618

Dated: December 17, 2018

To: Allen Eber Trust

c/o Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

72 South Main St.

Canandaigua, NY 14424

to Ebr

Attn: Rita Nischal, Esq.

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE SHARES

The undersigned hereby gives notice of my intent to purchase all shares of capital stock of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc. (the "Company") of which the Allen Eber Trust is the registered holder that are proposed to be transferred to Daniel Kleeberg, Lisa Stein or Audrey Hays pursuant to Article XII of the By-Laws of the Company.

Lester Eber

# EXHIBIT 7

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October 11, 2017

James G. Vazzana, Esq. Wiedman, Vazzana, Corcoran & Volta, P.C. 5 S. Fitzhugh Street, Room 230 Rochester, New York 14614

Brian C. Brook, Esq. Clinton Brook & Peed 641 Lexington Avenue, 13th Floor New York, NY 10022

Re: Transfer of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc. stock

Dear Jim and Brian:

Enclosed please find your clients' respective copies of the Stock Powers transferring their shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc. pursuant to Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company's distribution schedule. As the Bank never had possession of the company's stock book or other corporate documents and, despite request, the Bank has not been provided with the same, we were required to complete these transfers via these Stock Powers as opposed to issuing new stock certificates. We are currently retaining the original Stock Powers which I have affixed to each original Stock Certificate that the Bank received when it became Successor Co-Trustee. We will continue to do so unless and until such time as we are advised as to whom these originals should be provided given the apparent inability to locate the company's stock book and affiliated records. It is my understanding that the securities were transferred to your clients' respective financial institutions on September 29th and that the remaining assets were electronically transferred last week as well.

Very truly yours,

WOODS OVIATT GILMAN LLP

Karsia D. Galdera

Lorisa D. LaRocca

Please direct responses to Rochester Office

LDL/ldl/kdk Enclosures

cc: Rita Nischal, Esq.

William G. Bauer, Esq.

### eber bros. & Co., inc.

AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE 10,000 SHARES

2,000 8% NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED SHARES, PAR VALUE \$100 EACH 1,850 CLASS A VOTING COMMON SHARES, PAR VALUE \$10 EACH 6,150 CLASS B NON-VOTING COMMON SHARES, PAR VALUE \$10 EACH

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owners One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty CLASS A VOTING COMMON SHARES

Par Value \$10 Each of EBER BROS. & CO., INC.

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto Daniel Kleeberg Three Hundred One (301) shares of the total One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty (1850) shares issued, \$10 par value, of the Class A voting common shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in his name on the books of the Corporation represented by Certificate Numbered A6 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: () (hober Z, 2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

Witnessed by:

Print Name:

Rebecca M Leusch

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its

capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Lisa Stein One Hundred Thirty Seven (137) shares of the total One Thousand Eight Hundred

Fifty (1850) shares issued, \$10 par value, of the Class A voting common shares of Eber Bros. &

Co., Inc., a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in her name on the books of the

Corporation represented by Certificate Numbered A6 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably

constitute and appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation

with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: ()(b) Der Z , 2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

Witnessed by:

Print Name:

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto Audrey Hays Seven Hundred and Six (706) shares of the total One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty (1850) shares issued, \$10 par value, of the Class A voting common shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in her name on the books of the Corporation represented by Certificate Numbered A6 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation

Dated: (1) (4 2 , 2017

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Rita Nischal, Vice-President

Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

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Par Value \$10 Each of EBER BROS. & CO., INC.

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its

capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Daniel Kleeberg Forty Seven (47) shares of the total Two Hundred Ninety (290) shares issued,

\$10 par value, of the Class B non-voting common shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New York

corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in his name on the books of the Corporation

represented by Certificate Numbered B68 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and

appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation with full power

of substitution in the premises.

Dated: 0(+ 2 .2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its

capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Lisa Stein Twenty One (21) shares of the total Two Hundred Ninety (290) shares issued, \$10 par

value, of the Class B non-voting common shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New York

corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in her name on the books of the Corporation

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Dated: 0(+, 2, 2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Audrey Hays One Hundred Eleven (111) shares of the total Two Hundred Ninety (290) shares

issued, \$10 par value, of the Class B non-voting common shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New

York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in her name on the books of the Corporation

represented by Certificate Numbered B68 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and

appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation with full power

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Dated: Othor 2, 2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto Daniel Kleeberg Three Hundred Twenty Four (324) shares of the total Two Thousand (2000) shares issued, \$100 par value, of the 6% non-cumulative preferred shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in his name on the books of the Corporation represented by Certificate Numbered P6 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation

Dated: 04 2 ,2017

with full power of substitution in the premises.

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

Witnessed by:

Print Name:

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its

capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

Lisa Stein One Hundred Forty Seven (147) shares of the total Two Thousand (2000) shares

issued, \$100 par value, of the 6% non-cumulative preferred shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a

New York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in her name on the books of the

Corporation represented by Certificate Numbered P6 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably

constitute and appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation

with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: Oct. 2 , 2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company

Witnessed by:

Print Name:

Rebecca M. Leuseh

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Canandaigua National Bank and Trust Company, in its capacity as Co-Trustee of the Trust U/W of Allen Eber hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto Audrey Hays Seven Hundred Sixty Four (764) shares of the total Two Thousand (2000) shares issued, \$100 par value, of the 6% non-cumulative preferred shares of Eber Bros. & Co., Inc., a New York corporation (the "Corporation"), standing in her name on the books of the Corporation represented by Certificate Numbered P6 herewith, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint the Corporation to transfer the said stock on the books of the Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: 00+ 2 , 2017

Rita Nischal, Vice-President

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